## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SEEN IN LEDGER'S SANTA CLAUS STORE

Thousands of Toys Ready for Poor Children and Fund Growing Hourly to Increase the Stock.

Outside, the driving rain beat down in long, slanting drops. Inside the "comfy" Kris Kingle Storehouse, at 605 Chestnut street, laden with Christmas toys, the Santa Claus Lady peared through the bespattered window up and down the sleety street and wondered if the weather would have any effect on the generosity of Philadelphia's children toward the poor of

"Please, ma'am," said a wee voice at her elbow, "I got 25 cents I saved all by myself that I want to give to some kid

myself that I want to give to some kid what aint gonna hav no Christmas."

The Santa Claus Lady produced the pig into which whose bloated interior all of the nickels are being dropped which the children have contributed, and the little fellow, who had wandered in when she wasn't looking, parted from the grimy quarter and went away smiling, just as though some one had given him 15 cents to go out and spend on goodles.

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"Fill me up, for mercy sake," says the fat little pig, or rather the sign which hangs over him says it, and the cry has

not been disregarded.
Almost 2500 have found their way into
the hole in his back and thence into the
pocketbook of the Santa Claus Lady, who makes straight away for the shops and invests in new toys to supplement those sent in by sympathetic youngsters.

And you ought to see the store house at this minute! On Monday morning it opened with a collection of toys numbering 5000. This morning there are about 7000. Seven thousand beauteous toys, and the dollies head the list. There are more than 1000 of them. Next come the ani-mals, more varieties than old Noah took into the Ark with him; and then the games and books! Add to this a whole raft of miscellaneous toys, everything ranging from a diminutive typewriter to a little set of washtubs; from a go-cart to a set of blocks, and you can imagine the joy and happiness which is coming unexpectedly into the lives of thousands of deslitute youngsters.

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Many of these kids live in the family crowded tenements, unspaciably sordid and insanitary, which abound in the city. Think what it will mean to them to have a great shiny Public Ledosm or Evening Ledosm automobile drive up to their homes and deposit a "scrumptious" present, the first, in many cases, that they have ever had. What words can fathom their childish delight?

Thousands of little children have been animated by the beautiful Christmas spirit and are giving of their most cher-

spirit and are giving of their most cher-taked possessions so that these other kids will have a Merry Christmas. Every one is invited to come in on the movement these last three days before the 25th. What have YOU done to make some poor

#### EUGENE KNOBLAUCH'S WILL

Estate of Terminal Cafe Proprietor Exceeds \$120,000.

Eugene R. Knoblaugh, the Reading Terminal restaurant proprietor, who died in the Hahnemann Hospital December 15 from the effect of a revolver wound, self-inflicted in Broad Street Station, left an estate in excess of \$120,000. His will. an estate in excess of sixtum. His will, admitted to probate today, devises the entire estate to the widow, Anila B. Knoblauch. The executors of the estate are the widow and Edward P. Bliss.

Other wills probated are of the following estates: Annie McGrath, late of XII Preston street, whose property is ex-

El Preston street, whose property is estimated at \$500; Mary E. Miller, 77th street and Lyons avenue, \$7100; John A. Harthmaler, 4013 St. Vincent street, \$2570; Harry C. Hope, 2101 East Lippincott street, \$2000. Personal property of Daniel Scheuer has been appraised at \$2515.12.

#### OVERWORK CAUSE OF DEATH

Woman Drops Dead Among Shoppers in Father's Store.

Fbysicians say overwork caused the death of Mrs. Stells Fossa, 30 years old, wife of Pilade Fossa, 41 North 15th street, who collapsed among the shoppers in her father's store in Atlantic City. Her hus-

father's store in Atlantic City. Her husband, who was in this city, had been notified of his wife's collapse and was preparing for a dash to the seacoast city in an automobile last night, when he received word that his wife had died.

Mrs. Fossa insisted upon working in her father's store during the Christmas rush. Last night, while the store was packed with shoppers, she collapsed. She was hurried to a hospital, where five physicians worked in vain to resuscitate her. She died in less than an hour.

#### RISKS LIFE, SAVES CHILDREN

Policeman Finds Small Boys Overcome by Smoks.

Two children, overcome by smoke when a defective flue started a fire in their home today, were rescued by a policeman, who risked his life to name through a smoke-filled hallway to the second floor. The burned home is that of Albert Rahser, 123 Sayder avenue.

Policeman Collins, of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station, saw smoke couning from the house at noon today. He smashed in the front door and found James Rahrer, 4 years old, and George Rahrer. 19 years old, in the bathroom unconscious. The fire caused \$600 loss.

#### CUBA IN NEED OF COFFINS

War Cuts Off Supply and Inquiry Is Made Here.

Made Here.

Cuba is suffering from a scarcity of coffins as a result of the European war. An inquiry was received here today from the National Bank of Cuba, at Camazonaini, for a supply from America. The inquiry was filed at the Foreign Trade Bureau of the Commercial Museums and the names and addresses of reliable coffin manufacturers will be sent to the little nation immediately. The Cubana formarily obtained the coffing from England and France, but now these countries can ship none.

#### THOMAS SHARPLESS

Prominent Chester County Fernier Succession to Long Hinese. Succiding to Long Himes, White Chilips and the leading farmer resists to Birmingham township, died togs at the age of H years, following a in linear He was stricken by blinder in two years were said since that then a fulled gradually. He was for many are one of the most prominent bender the latter of the most prominent bender County in the work of the papers and had allied many public points in bis lownship, where he was the last of one of the largest and best tens in the locality, following dairying many years.

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HUSBAND'S DESIRE TO "SOW WILD OATS," DIVORCE PLEA

Former Philadelphia Society Woman Would Not Give Consent.

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The alleged desire of her husband, George F. Leavitt, to be given a leave of absence so he might "sow his wild oats," has prompted Florence Kendrick Leavit, of New York, and a former Philadelphia society woman, to sue him for divorce. Mrs. Leavitt filed her suit yesterday, Leavitt, a graduate of Cornell, is associated with his father in the H. Glibert Woolen Company and has an interest in the Ruby Film Lompany. In her petition, Mrs. Leavitt alleged she was compelled to separate from her husband after he had proposed she "permit him to go away for a few months and sow his wild cats." This, Mrs. Leavitt said, she refused to permit him to do, and instead filed suit for a separation.

In her separation complaint, Mrs. Leavitt said her husband had been friendly with a Kathryn Thompson, a model, and Mae King, a singer. Her husband maintained his wife had no ground to accuse him of any misconduct, and that his wife was able to earn her own living as an actress. This Mrs. Leavitt denied. She said she did try the stage, but was compelled to leave it in a few days in order not to lose her "self-

# **COAL MEN BELIEVE** MANY PLACES MAY DEMAND RATE CUT

Inequality in Hauling Charges Likely Will Cause Municipalities to File Petitions With State Commission.

Drastic cuts in the hard coal rate to many points in Pennsylvania not included in the decision reducing by 40 cents a ton the rates to this city may be demanded after the State Public Service Commission issues its order to the railoads to make the 40-cent reduction. Coal men believe today that hundreds

of municipalities in the State may file petitions with the Public Service Commission demanding reduced hard coal freight rates ,based on the cut in the rates to Philadelphia. A movement al-ready is on foot in Reading, Pa., along this line. Comparison of the new Phila-delphia and the Reading rates shows

that the latter city, nearer the mines, will have to pay a higher rate. "Meantime, the small coal dealer is chuckling over the opportunity that would be his should the rate cut be confirmed by the courts. Men with little stock could offer the benefit of the 40-cent cut to the consumer immediately. The big compan-ies which had paid the higher rate on large stocks would have to maintain the old prices or undergo a loss in the at-

tempt to compete with the small dealers. Independent mine owners also see vast opportunities shead. One important result of the rate cut, should it be supported by the courts, will be a great de-velopment of independently owned prop-erties and coal lands, many of which are

now undeveloped or lying idle.

There is little prospect of Philadelphia consumers benefiting this winter by the reduced rate. The railroads have 30 days to appeal, and they are expected to let most of this time elapse before announc-ing their course of sction. From semiofficial railroad circles it has

been learned that in the Reading at least the hard coal cut will more than offset what might have been gained by the 5 per cent. inrease granted by the Inter-state Commerce Commission. Of the \$1,500,000 estimated as the saving in this city under the flew rate the Reading will lose two-thirds, or \$1,000,000.

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This estimate, according to those in close touch with the situation, is conservative. Exact figures are not obtainable as to the amount of coal consumed in Philadelphia annually, but many coal men hazard the opinion that it is more nearly 6,000,000 than 4,000,000 tons.

But he couldn't find work. So Joseph was a set the other wasn't any such things.

#### NO GUARDIAN FOR WOMAN

Judge Dismisses Petition of Octogenarian's Brother.

Judge Audenried today dismissed the petition of John Wesley Miller, 22 years old, for the appointment of a guardian for his octogenarian sister. Hanna Frances Miller.

The aged woman resides in the Bartram Apartments, 33d and Chestnut streets, and has an annual income of \$15,000 from an estate valued at upward of \$100,000. The brother endsavored to show she was in such an impaired physical and mental condition as would render her easily susceptible to the designs of unscrapulous persons.

Judge Audenried, however, found the fears of the brother unwarranted.

# BILLY' SUNDAY MEN CALLED UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED LABOR

Building Trades Council, in Resolution, Declares Members of Committee Ignored Union Protest.

The "Billy" Sunday revival movemen was declared to be unfair to organized labor in a resolution given out today by the Building Trades Council of Philadelphia, which calls upon all affiliated locals, their members, friends and sympathisers, to act accordingly.

A strike of electricians employed by Cates & Shepherd, efectrical contractors, on the Sunday Tabernacle at 19th and Vine streets, brought about the action of the union. The men struck a week ago last Saturday because, according to their representatives, the firm tried to make them work over time for regular wages when agreement had been made for time and half time.

Officers of the "Billy" Sunday committee refused to act on the complaint of the Building Trades Council, according to the resolution. The document declares that all the trades working on the building with the exception of one trade are unfair to organized labor.

James Meade, business agent for the ouncil, said today the firm was employing strike-breakers in an effort to finish the tabernacle.

He also said union electricians had walked out from several other big jobs being done by Cates & Shepherd, notably the Harris Building, 22d and Market streets; the Southern High School, the Methodist Building, at 17th and Arch streets, and the Metcar Building, at 13th and Cherry streets.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, there is a movement throughout the country known as the 'Billy' Sunday revival movement holding religious meetings addressed by the Rev. 'Billy' Sunday, and

"Whereas, it is the intention of the Rev. Mr. Sunday to hold some of the aforesaid meetings in Philadelphia, which

aforesaid meetings in Philadelphia, which has caused to be erected at the northwest corner of 19th and Vine streets a building for that purpose, and "Whereas, the men employed to erect the said building, with the exception of one trade, are unfair to organized labor, especially the electrical work, which is being done by strike-breakers in the employ of Cates & Shepherd, electrical contractors, located at 1515 Sansom street; and

Whereas, the aforesaid conditions were "Whereas, the aforesaid conditions were brought to the attention of the proper officers of the Sunday movement, who refused to remedy the same; therefore be it "Resolved, that we, the Building Trades Coursel of Philadelphia and vicinity, in regular meeting assembled, held Saturday evening Becombar 12 condays the day evening, December 19, condemn the Sunday movement as unfair to organized labor, and call attention of our affiliated locals, their members, friends and sympathizers to the aforesaid facts, trusting them to act accordingly."

### TOYMAKER'S TRAGIC XMAS

Child Dies, He Cannot Find Work, and He Kills Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Joseph Indeli NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Joseph Indelicato used to make toys for little boys and girls. He worked in a stuffy shop. He was conscientious and his deft fingers turned out many a soldier and many a jumping jack. Then Joseph got sick. He had consumption. He tried hard to find work. Mrs. Indelicate also got sick of

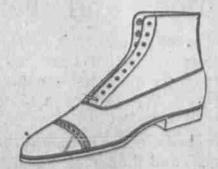
soph decided there wasn't any such thing as Christmas and yesterday he borrowed a pistol and shot himself dead. Mrs. Indelicato, widow of the toymaker,

and two Indelicate children, all in last stages of tuberculosis, haven't money to bury the toymaker. They owe three months rent. New York city, with a show of Christmas spirit, took all three to the hospital today.



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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE The statue of Stephen Girard, merchant, mariner and founder of Girard College at City Hall, bears a wreath inscribed from "One of his old boys."

#### FLAMES IN THREE NORTHERN SUBURBS CAUSE HEAVY LOSS

Hatboro the Scene of 20,000 Blaze

Glenside and Jenkintown Suffer. Three fires in suburban towns north of Philadelphia entailed losses aggregating nearly \$25,000 early this morning, Hatporo being the heaviest sufferer with a

boro being the heaviest sufferer with a \$20,000 blaze that for a time threatened the entire business section and called out companies from six other towns.

A barn was destroyed near Glenside, two horses and a large number of chickens being burned to death, and a dwelling at Jenkintown was ablaze. The Hatboro fire was in the three-story brick building owned by W. W. Wilsus, at Moreland and Depot streets. The first floor was used for a general store and the upper floors as meeting halls.

The barn destroyed was the property of

The barn destroyed was the property of George Young. All his farming imple-ments were damaged and destroyed and only one horse was saved. The Glenside company was called to this fire a few min-sites after it had returned from Hatboro, but owing to the distance of the property from water, firemen could do nothing to

At Jenkintown the fire was in the hom of Charles Stewart, in Division street, and seven other houses in the row were threatened. This was before the company had gone to Hatboro. Firemen confined the flames to the Stewart home. No one was injured at any of the three fires.

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## **UNGLE SAM FINDS IT** IS NO EASY TASK TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

### Postoffice Engages Extra Force and Makes Plans Expected to Avoid Last Year's Congestion.

Thousands of Christmas shoppers passed today before the stamp windows of the various postoffice stations of the city purchasing large quantities of stamps for their Christmas mall, and as many and more crowded about the parcel post deaks depositing innumerable bundles labeled with Santa Claus stickers,

Preparations for handling the large mount of holiday mall in this city have been completed by the postal authorities It is necessary to put a tremendous human machine into working order to handle the Christmas mail. From the moment a letter or a Christmas package is dropped in the box on the street corner transportation to its destination is accelerated by many hundreds of agents.

It is estimated by the postal authorities that 12,000,000 pieces of mail will be handled every day by the postoffice in this city from now until Christmas. This includes the regular flow of postal matter as well as the additional amount of the holiday season. More than 35,000 sacks of parcel post alone are expected to pass through postal hands daily. In each of these there are about 150 pieces.

Extra clerks, carriers and collectors have been engaged; numerous wagons, automobiles and trucks hired, and additional mail cars put into service on the car lines. The large Metropolitan Build-ing, at Broad and Wallace streets, has been taken over and will be used for all incoming mail except letters. Forty thousand square feet of space are avail-able there. Already this is nearly filled

with Christmas packages.

The number of extra clerks and carriers taken on is 657, while 48 additional automobiles have been put into service, 42 for the delivery of parcel post and 6 for collection. Ordinarily there are 26 for delivery and 5 for collection. One hundred and twenty wagons, in addition to those already used, will also be put into service to aid in the parcel post and

Five large auto trucks have been hired. On the four mail car lines additional cars have been added and on each there will be 10 extra trips doily.

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#### NEW HOME FOR CHILDREN Three Orphans Taken From Custody

of Stepfather. Three orphaned children stood before Magistrate Glenn today in the 4th and York streets police station. They appeared to be frightened and bewildered as they testified against their stepfather, Charles Langdon, 40 years old, 267 West

Charles Langdon, 40 years old, 267 West York street.

Agents of the Society for Prevention of Crueity to Children presented an affidavit to the effect that Lengdon was not a proper guardian for the children. Magistrate Glenn looked at them and then inquired if there was a spectator in the courtroom who wanted to be a "big friend" to the little children.

Miss Peachey, a social worker and attached to the Society for Prevention of Crueity to Children, came forward. She volunteered to take charge of the children.

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Magistrate Glenn then committed Virginia, 3 years old: Johnnie, 7, and Robert, 10, to her care. The children were taken to the rooms of the Children's Society. They will have a chance to view a Christmas tree and participate in the distribution of toys.

The mother of the children was buried yesterday. Langdon was discharged with a reprimand.

#### BEGGARS GO "UP THE RIVER"

Sent to Correction for Attacking Man Who Fefused Them Five Cents. Five cents sent Charles Robinson, 34 rears old, 2233 North 28th street, and

Joseph Frell, 2048 Ridge avenue, to the House of Correction this morning, the former for a year and the latter for 30 days. They were sentenced by Magistrate Morris in the 26th and York streets sta-

The two men were charged with assault and battery on Thomas Cusack, 206 Marston street. It was testified that when Cusack passed the corner of 28th and Frederick streets last night, he was accosted by the two men, who asked for 5 cents. When he refused, he said, he was

HEADS MASONIC LODGE AT 28 Being elected worshipful master of Jonic Lodge, F. and A. M. at the age of 28 was the honor conferred upon Ralph D. Baker, of Camden, last night. Mr. Baker has passed through the various chairs in exactly seven years, the short-est possible time. In addition to being prominent in Ma-

sonic circles, the youthful worshipful master is president of the Camden Rotary Club, having been elected to that office when the club was organized two years ago. He was re-elected for another term the following year.

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# THAW SURROUNDED BY SPECIAL GUARDS TO PREVENT ESCAPE

His Purchase of Fast Auto Suspected as Part of Plan to Avoid Extradition to New York State.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. E. Special guards were assigned today to watch Harry K. Thaw and prevent another attempt to escape, pending the proceedings which William Travers Jerome says will land the slayer of Stanford White back in Matteawan, following the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States professing his avgradition to New York ordering his extradition to New

From now on there will be a constant watch over the prisoner, and any altempt to leave his present abiding place at Manchester will be checked. To all intents and purposes he is now as much a prisoner as though he were back in the asylum, surrounded by attendants. The law gives Thaw 30 days of nominal liberty under the jurisdiction of New Hampshire. It is possible that this time will be extended, for the Thaw forces are prepared to fight to the last ditch.

In the long battle with Jerome, Thaw seems to have absorbed some of his prosecutor's grim determination, and he has become something more than an amateur in his ability to advise his attorneys in their attempts to free him. The fact that Thaw bought a high-power auto upon his arrival here and that he has become an expert at driving is believed to have been one of the reasons of the increased vigilance of his guards. It is just the sort of vehicle which would be extraordly useful. From now on there will be a constant

It is just the sort of vehicle which would be extremely useful if the fugitive con-templated another spectacular dash similar to the one which ended in Can-

### How A President Saved His Bet

One of our presidents (of the U. S. of A.), a distinguished angler, was telling a friend about a trip he took with two countrymen, both of whom were perfectly familiar with his reputation as a fisherman.

Said one of the countrymen before starting: "Mr. President, we'll agree that the first one to catch a fish must treat the crowd."

"I agreed," said the President; "but do you know that those fellows had a bite and were too mean to pull them

"So you lost, ch?" said his friend.

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